

USAID RULE OF LAW PROJECT

BACKGROUND

The USAID Rule of Law (ROL) project is a four-year, \$9.8 million project supporting justice sector reforms that enhance the timely delivery of justice for Serbian citizens. The project works with the courts, public enforcement agents and the State Attorney's Office to increase increased judicial efficiency, transparency and access to justice.

ACTIVITIES

The project supports strategic advancement of Serbia's judicial reform process. Within this support, the project assists with drafting the new National Judicial Reform Strategy. In addition, the project supports a range of initiatives to improve court operations, reduce delays in court proceedings and increase public confidence in the work of the courts. This includes: greater utilization of E-justice tools; more efficient delivery of court documents to reduce trial delays; streamlined court administration; and supporting the work and career path of judicial assistants.

ROL promotes judicial transparency and accountability by proactively communicating with citizens through accurate performance reporting and outreach efforts.

The project works with court enforcement departments and public enforcement officers to ensure that civil and commercial court decisions are executed in a timely, fair and transparent manner.

ROL also supports the State Attorney's Office to improve the legal advice and guidance provided to government bodies, reduce the level of litigation in which the state engages, and improve Serbia's representation before the European Court of Human Rights. As a result, Serbian citizens with complaints against the State will receive decisions more quickly and the overall costs to the taxpayer will be reduced.

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Project implemented by:

Development Professionals, Inc.; Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc; Alterfact Consulting; and Four Digits Consulting

Key counterparts:

Ministry of Justice; High Court Council; Supreme Court of Cassation; State Attorney's Office; and Public Enforcement Officers

Where we work:

Nationwide

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\$9,837,335

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